

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, and 5 – 21 are pending in the application. Upon entry of this Amendment, the specification will be amended and claims 12 – 15 and 22 will be canceled. Claim 22, which was previously withdrawn by the Examiner, is being canceled in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion on page 3 of the outstanding Office Action of March 27, 2006.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner noted in the Office Action Summary that claims 2, 3 and 6-22 are pending in the application; however, in the "Detailed Action" section of the Office Action, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 2, 3 and 5-22 are in the application. It is believed that the correct statement is that claims 5-22 are in the application, and not simply claims 6-22, as stated in the Office Action Summary.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating in the outstanding Office Action that claims 2, 3, 5-11 and 21 are allowed. As such, no further word regarding these claims will be made in this Amendment.

The Examiner also objected to the drawings under 37 CFR §1.83(a), requiring that the elements described in claims 12-15 be shown in the application drawings. Claims 12-15 have now been canceled by this Amendment. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to the drawings should now be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 12-20, under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Nevertheless, the Examiner then states that only the subject matter of claims 12-15 has not been adequately disclosed in the application specification. In particular, the Examiner states:

The water pressure detection means to detect water pressure in the surrounding water, as recited in claim 12; the water pressure detection means to detect water pressure difference between the outlet nozzle and the surrounding water, as recited in claim 13; the

water pressure detection means in the form of a venturi, as recited in claim 14; and the actuating means operated by means of a feedback control device, as in claim 15, and their interaction with the steering mechanism have not been adequately disclosed, as required by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112.

From the Examiner's remarks, it appears that only claims 12-15 were to be rejected under §112, first paragraph. Indeed, the features described in claim 16-20 are shown in Figures 4-6 of the application and described in the specification starting on page 9, line 13, through page 10, line 6. In this regard, the application specification has been amended to clarify that the alternative embodiment relating to claims 16-20 is depicted in Figures 4-6 of the application, and not Figures 3-4, as originally stated in the application, and that the actuation means 90 could alternatively be a hydraulic piston and cylinder arrangement in which pistons 40 and cylinder 80 are hydraulic, rather than pneumatic, in accordance with the description of the actuation means in originally-filed claim 20 of the application. In amending the application specification as noted above, it is believed that no new matter has been added to the application. As such, in view of the foregoing and the cancellation of claims 12-15, the Examiner's rejection of claims 16-20, under §112, first paragraph, should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims remaining in the application, *i.e.*, claims 2, 3, 5-11 and 16-20, are now in condition for allowance, which action is

earnestly solicited. If any issues remain in this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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